

Master PYMME

HIS  
SPEECH

IN  
PARLIAMENT.

On Wednesday the

5. of January, 1641.

Concerning the Vote of the House  
of Commons, for his Discharge upon the  
the Accusation of High Treason, exhibi-  
ted against Himselfe, and the Lord  
*Kimbolton*, Mr. *John Hampden*, Sir  
*Arthur Haslerigge*, Mr. *Siroud*,  
and Mr. *Hollis*, (by His  
Majestie.)



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*Master Speaker,*

**T**HESE Articles of High Treason, exhibited by his Majestie against me and the other Gentlemen in the accusation charged with the same Crime, are of great consequence, and much danger to the State: The Articles in themselves, if proved, are according to the Lawes of this Land High Treason.

First, to endeavour to subvert the Fundamentall Lawes of the Land, is by this present Parliament

in the Earle of *Straforde* case adjudged High Treason.

Secondly, to endeavour to introduce into this Kingdome an Arbytrarie and tyrannicall forme of Government, is likewise Voted High Treason.

Thirdly, to raise an Army to compell the Parliament to make and enact Lawes, without their free Votes, and willing proceedings in the same is High Treason.

Fourthly, to invite a forreingne force to invade this Land, to favour our designs agitated against the King and State, is High Treason.

Fifthly, to animate and encourage riotous Assemblies and tumults about the *Parliament* to compell the King to assent to the Votes of the House is Treason.

Sixtly, to cast aspersions upon his Majesty and His Government, to alienate the affections of His People, and to make his Majesty odious unto them is Treason.

Seventhly, to endeanour to draw his Majesties Army into disobedience, and to side with us in our designs, if against the King, is Treason.

I desire, Master *Speaker*, the favour of this House to declare my selfe, concerning this Charge, shall onely parallell and simlize my actions since the sitting of this *Parliament* with these Articles.

First, Master *Speaker*, if to Vote with the *Parliament*, as a Member of the House, wherein all our Votes ought to be free: it being one of the greatest privileges thereof to have our debates, disputes, and arguments in the same unquestionable, be to endeavour to subvert the Fundamentall Lawes, then am I guilty of the first Article.

Secondly,

Secondly, If to agree and consent with the whole State of the Kingdome by Vote to ordaine and make Lawes for the good government of his Majesties Subjects in peace and dutifull obedience to their lawfull Sovereign be to to introduce an Arbitrary and tyrannicall forme of government in the State, then am I guilty of this Article.

Thirdly, If to consent by Vote with the *Parliament*, to raise a Guard, or Traine-Band to secure and defend the persons or the Members thereof, being invironed and beset with many dangers in the absence of the King, and by Vote with the House, in willing obedience to the Royall command of his sacred Majesty, at his returne, be actually to levie Armes against the King: then am I guilty of this Article.

Fourthly, If to joyne with the *Parliament*, by free Vote to crave brotherly assistance from *Scotland*, Kingdomes both under obedience to one Sovereigne, both his loyall and dutifull Subjects, to suppress the Rebellion in *Ireland* which lies gasping every day in danger to be lost from his Majesties subjection, be to invite and incourage a forraigne power to invade this Kingdome: then am I guilty of High Treason.

Fifthly, If to agree with the greatest and wisest Councell of State, to suppress unlawfull tumults and riotous assemblies, to agree with the House by Vote to all Orders, Edicts, and Declarations for their repelling, bee to raise and countenance them in their unlawfull actions, then am I guilty of this Article.

Sixtly, If by free vote to joyne with the *Parliament* in publishing of a Remonstrance, in setting

ting forth Declarations against Delinquents, in the State against Incendiaries betweene his Majesties Kingdome, against ill Counsellors which labour to avert his Majesties affection from *Parliaments* against those ill affected Bishops that have innovated our Religion, oppressing painfull, learned and godly Ministers with vexatious, suites and molestations in their unjust Courts, by Cruell sentences of Pillory, and cutting off their eares, great fines, Banishment, and perpetuall Imprisonment, If this Mr. *Speaker* be to cast aspersions on his Majestie and his government, and to alienate the hearts of his Loyall Subjects good Protestants, and well affected in Religion, from their due obedience to his Royall Majestie, then am I guilty of this Article.

Seaventhly, If to consent by vote with the *Parliament* to put forth Proclamations, to send Declarations to his Majesties Army, to annimate and encourage the same to his Loyall obedience, to give so many Subsidies, raised so many great summes of money willingly for their keeping on foote to serve his Majestie upon his Royall command on any occasion, to apprehend and attach as Delinquents, such persons in the same as are disaffected both to his sacred Person, his Crowne and Dignity, to his wise and great Counsell of *Parliament* to the true and Orthodox Doctrine of the Church of *England*, and the true Religion grounded on the Doctrine of CHRIST himselfe, and established, and confirmed by many Acts of *Parliament* in the Reigne of Hen. 8. E. 6. Queene *Elizab.* and King *James* of blessed memory, if this Mr. *SPEAKER* be



to draw his Majesties Army into disobedience, and to side with us in our Designes, then I am guilty of this Article.

Now, *Master Speaker*, Having given you a touch concerning these Articles, comparing them with my Actions, ever since I have had the Honour to sit in this House as a Member thereof: I humbly crave your consideration, and favourable judgement of them, not doubting, they being weighed in the even scales of your Wisdomes, I shall be found innocent and cleare from these Crimes laid to my charge.

*Master Speaker*, I humbly crave your further patience to speake somewhat concerning the exhibiting of this Charge which is to propose to your Considerations these propositions, *viz.*

First, whether to exhibit Articles of High Treason by his Majesties owne hands in this House agrees with the rights and priviledges thereof.

Secondly, Whether for a guard armed to come into the Parliament to accuse any of the Members thereof, be not a breach of the priviledge of Parliament.

Thirdly, Whether any of the Members of Parliament being so accused may be committed upon such accusation, without the whole consent thereof.

Fourthly, Whether a Parliament hath not priviledge to bayle any Member so accused.

Fifthly and lastly, Whether if any of the Members of a Parliament so charged, and by the House  
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discharged without release from his Majestie may still sit in the house as members of the same. And thus Master *Speaker*, I humbly crave pardon for my presumption in so farre troubling this Honourable House, desiring their favourable consideration of all my actions, and that I may have such tryall as to this wise Counsell shall seeme meete, cherefully submitting my selfe and actions to the righteous judgement of the same.

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